

**Sumner Gary Hunnewell, Jr.**, was born in Portland, Maine, on April 9, 1962. His Hunnewell family has very deep roots in the area of southern Maine since the 1650s. His hometown of Scarborough has what is reputed to be the oldest building still standing in the county, the Capt. Richard Hunnewell house. Both of his parents are *Mayflower* descendants.

At eighteen, Sumner met his future wife and (following her) moved to Missouri, where he attended Central Missouri State University, graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics / Computer Science in 1984. After graduation, he was employed by Southwestern Bell (now AT&T) where he has held management and supervisory positions for software development. In 1996, he matriculated from Washington University in St. Louis with a 4.0 GPA for this Masters in Telecommunication Management. Later, he became a program / project manager for AT&T and was earned his certification as a Project Management Professional by the Project Management Institute. He retired with 33 years of service at age 55.

He has been married for 38 years to Sylvia Beatrice Richardson. She earned her degree in Fine Arts from Kansas University. They have two children, Sumner Tristan Hunnewell and Rachel Elanor Hunnewell.

In 2003 *The Maine Genealogist* published his two issue article "A Doleful Slaughter near Black Point': The Battle at Moore's Brook, Scarborough, Maine, June 29, 1677." The paper took three years to research and write. While historians knew about a handful of men to have taken part in the battle, he made an effort to name every man (about 50) who fought and died there. Also, for his hometown's 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary, he wrote six articles, mostly covering the colonial period of Maine. These were published in *Scarborough at 350: Linking the Past to the Present*.

Endeavoring to learn something new, he taught himself how to write and prepare indexes for books. Since then, he has indexed an even dozen books mostly baseball autobiographies or on the subject of baseball, which is another of his passions. This, along with this vintage baseball play and his work with the baseball's independent Frontier League and its Commissioner, garnered him the Fan of the Year Award presented by the St. Louis Sports Hall of Fame in 2016.

He is an expert on the works and fan base of the works of J. R. R. Tolkien. For thirty years, he has worked with Marquette University to microfilm / scan and catalog his vast collection of personal material. He is abstracting the contents of Tolkien publications for use by scholars of popular culture, completing work from the late 1950s to 1968 thus far. He has presented papers on the subject since he was 20, including at the Tolkien Centenary conference



in Oxford. Recently he was hired by Warner Bros. as an expert witness on the matter in a countersuit against the Tolkien Estate.

He is very active in his church, St. John's Lutheran Church (Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod) in Arnold. He has been an elder and selected as lay delegate to both state and national conventions of his church body. He leads two *Bible* studies, heads the English as a Second Language program, and helps with social ministry work. He participated in, organized and/or managed trips of church members to help rebuild homes New Orleans (hurricane), Cedar Rapids (flood), and Joplin (tornado). He is active in service to his neighbor as a Red Cross volunteer, helping with sheltering during recent floods and house fire assistance.

Six years ago, he rekindled his interest in genealogy and joined hereditary societies. Since then he has become a local, state, and national officer in many. His Civil War ancestors are:

**Pvt. Daniel Apt, Jr.** 6th Maine Volunteer Infantry, Company K; 7th Maine Volunteer Infantry, Company D; 1st Maine Veterans Infantry, Company D

**Pvt. Constantine D. Besse** 9th Maine Volunteer Infantry, Company A; 7th Maine Volunteer Infantry, Company A; 1st Maine Veterans Infantry, Company F; 50th Company, 2nd Battalion, Veteran Reserve Corps

**Sgt. William N. Higgins** 23rd Maine Volunteer Infantry, Companies A, H, K; 1st District of Columbia Cavalry Regiment

**Pvt. Sumner Freeland Hunnewell** 25th Maine Volunteer Infantry, Company I

**Sgt. Benjamin Richards (alias Norris)** 2nd New York Volunteer "Harris Light" Cavalry Regiment, Companies E, F, M

**Pvt. John Stevens** 9th Maine Volunteer Infantry, Company C

**Pvt. Darius W. Sylvester** 3rd Maine Volunteer Infantry, Company F

### **Sumner's Organizations (so far)**

#### **List with current offices:**

Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts,  
Baronial Order of Magna Charta,  
Centennial Legion of Historic Military Commands,  
Central Region Association Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic [Past  
Commander],  
Clan Campbell Society (North America),  
Descendants of Cape Cod and the Islands [2nd Vice President 2020-2022],  
Descendants of Colonial Mothers 1607 - July 4, 1776 [Councilor General 2021-23],  
Descendants of Early Postmasters 1607-1900 [Postmaster General 2019-2021],  
Descendants of Fossors [Newsletter editor],  
Descendants of Founders of New Jersey,  
Descendants of Mexican War Veterans,  
Descendants of Sheriffs & Constables of Colonial & Antebellum America [Registrar General  
2018-2022],  
Descendants of the Knights of the Bath, Dutch Colonial Society [Domini General, 2018-20],  
Elder William Brewster Society,

Flagon and Trencher,  
Founders Fellowship, General Society of Colonial Wars [Missouri State: Registrar 2017-20,  
Deputy Governor 2018-20],  
General Society of Mayflower Descendants [State Governor 2018-22],  
General Society of the War of 1812 [Vice President General - Publications 2020-2023; State  
President 2019-2021; Chapter Deputy President 2018-20, Marshall 2015-20],  
General Society Sons of the Revolution [President 2020-21],  
Guild of Colonial Artisans and Tradesmen 1607-1783 [Chaplain General 2021-23],  
Hereditary Order of the First Families of Massachusetts,  
Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels,  
Huguenot Society of America,  
Jamestowne Society,  
John Libby Family Association,  
Military Order of Agincourt,  
Military Order of Foreign Wars of the United States,  
Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States [State Registrar (Missouri) 2019-; State  
Registrar (Nebraska) 2020-],  
National Gavel Society,  
National Huguenot Society [Insignia Committee 2020-21; Historian General 2021-23],  
National Society Descendants of Colonial Indentured Servants [President General 2018-2021],  
National Society Descendants of Early Quakers,  
National Society of Saints and Sinners,  
National Society of Sons of the American Colonists,  
National Society of the Descendants of Textile Workers of America, Inc.,  
National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution,  
National Society Sons and Daughters of Antebellum Planters 1607-1861,  
National Society Sons and Daughters of the Pilgrims [State Governor 2019-22; Editor General  
2021-23],  
National Society Sons of Colonial New England,  
Order of Americans of Armorial Ancestry,  
Order of Descendants of Colonial Cavaliers,  
Order of Descendants of Native Americans and Friends [Insignia Chairman 2019-21],  
Order of Descendants of the Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company [President General 2020  
-22],  
Order of El Cid,  
Order of First Families of Connecticut 1633-1662 [Historian General 2020-22],  
Order of First Families of Vermont 1609-1791,  
Order of Indian Wars of the United States,  
Order of Kings and Queens in the Holy Lands,  
Order of Miners 1607-1907 [Secretary General 2020-],  
Order of New England,  
Order of the Crown of Charlemagne in the United States of America,  
Order of the First Families of Maine [President General 2019-21],  
Order of the First Families of Maryland,  
Order of the First Families of New Hampshire 1622-1680 [Treasurer General 2018-22],  
Order of the First Families of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations,

Order of the Founders and Patriots of America,  
Order of the House of Wessex [Parliamentarian 2020-2022],  
Order of the Merovingian Dynasty,  
Order of the Monarchs of Rheims,  
Order of the Sovereigns of Ancient Scandinavia [Historian General 2019-],  
Pilgrim Hopkins Heritage Society,  
Piscataqua Pioneers, Plymouth Hereditary Society,  
Presidential Families of America,  
Reverend Robert and Sarah [Winter] Jordan Foundation, Inc.,  
Royal Society of Saint George,  
Society of Descendants of Knights of the Garter,  
Society of Descendants of Lady Godiva,  
Society of the Descendants of the Founders of Hartford,  
Society of the Descendants of Washington's Army at Valley Forge,  
Society of the Second War with Great Britain in the State of New York,  
Society of the War of 1812 in Maryland, Son of a Witch [Councilor General 2018-21],  
Sons and Daughters of the Colonial and Antebellum Bench and Bar,  
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War [MO Department Commander 2020-; Fletcher Camp  
Secretary 2018- ; Grant Camp SVC 2018 -],  
Sons of Veterans Reserve,  
St. Andrew's Society of St. Louis,  
St. Andrew's Society of Washington, D. C.,  
St. George's Society of New York,  
Stetson Kindred of America, Inc. [National Registrar 2017- ; Board member 2019-22],  
Thomas Rogers Society,  
Willard Family Association of America, Inc.,  
Wing Family of America, Inc.